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SUBJECT: LETTER FROM PRESIDENT OLUSEGUN OBASANJO TO
PRESIDENT GEORGE W. BUSH

1. The Nigerian Presidency has asked that the Embassy forward a letter from President Obasanjo to President Bush. Signed original is being forwarded to the White House.

2. Begin text:

November 10, 2003

Dear President

Appreciation

Mr. President, I write on behalf of my delegation and on my own behalf to thank you most profoundly for the warm reception accorded us during our visit to your office last week when we were in the United States. That you found the time in your very busy schedule to meet with us was clear evidence of your legendary reputation for openness, accommodation, positive leadership and goodwill to all. The depth, quality and frankness of our discussions, especially on Nigeria was very encouraging and we are comforted in the fact that we can always count on you as a good friend of Nigeria.

Mr. President, I want to assure you that my people and I hold you in very high esteem and we shall continue to do our utmost best to strengthen the already excellent relationship between Nigeria and the United States. As you travel around the United States and other parts of the world doing good as always, please, keep Nigeria in your thoughts and prayers. Once again, on behalf of my delegation, I thank you very much for receiving and spending quality time with us. I wish you a very successful trip to the gold tournament in South Africa.

Yours sincerely

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Olusegun Obasanjo

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